



City of Sunnyvale

Meeting Minutes - Draft Arts Commission

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

7:00 PM

Online and Redwood Conference Room,
City Hall, 456 W. Olive Ave., Sunnyvale,
CA 94086

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Veith called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 3 - Chair Agnes Veith
Vice Chair Kathryn Filley
Commissioner Dawna Eskridge
Absent: 2 - Commissioner Molly Kauffman
Commissioner Winnie Lam

Commissioner Lam (excused absence)

Commissioner Kauffman (excused absence)

Council Liaison Mehlinger (absent)

STUDY SESSION

A [25-0457](#) Hands on the Arts (Finalize Project and Plans)

Kristin Dance, Recreation Services Public Arts Manager Analyst, provided a presentation finalizing the Sun Collage project plan for the Hands on the Arts Festival 2025. Highlights included: list of materials for the art project, and a sample project to show the commissioners.

Commissioners asked: what the selection process was for the other participants?

Staff responded that it was a juried process that evaluated the submissions and chose based on projects that children likely would not have already completed in a school setting.

B [25-0460](#) Discuss the Expansion of the Arts Commission to Include
Dynamic, Interactive, and Literary Arts

Michelle Perera, Director of Library and Recreation Services, explained that at a recent City Council subcommittee meeting, it was discussed that the current charge of the Arts Commission should be expanded to engage with dynamic, interactive, and literary arts. Following that discussion, City Council approved that expansion of the Arts Commission.

Michelle gave clarity and explained that the goal is to encourage the Arts Commission to learn about what is happening in the space of dynamic, interactive, and literary arts. For example, they could meet with the Board of Library Trustees or Sunnyvale Players to see what activities they are doing in that space.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Vice Chair Filley moved and Commissioner Eskridge seconded the motion to approve the consent calendar as submitted.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Chair Veith
Vice Chair Filley
Commissioner Eskridge

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Kauffman
Commissioner Lam

1 [25-0461](#) Approve the Arts Commission Meeting Minutes of February 19, 2025

Approve the Arts Commission Minutes of February 19, 2025, as submitted.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

2 [25-0459](#) National Arts and Humanities Month (Review Project and Plans)

Kristin Dance provided a presentation on the Arts and Humanities Month Project Selection. Highlights included: previous and new project ideas, along with the estimated time commitments.

Commissioners ranked each project. A Spoken Word project received the top ranking.

Commissioner Eskridge moved and Vice Chair Filley seconded the motion to approve the project for Arts and Humanities Month 2025, to be a Spoken Work project.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Chair Veith
Vice Chair Filley
Commissioner Eskridge

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Kauffman
Commissioner Lam

STANDING ITEM: CONSIDERATION OF POTENTIAL STUDY ISSUES

None.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMENTS

-Commissioner Comments

Commissioners shared that they have had the opportunity to view a lot of the public art that has been installed around the city.

Commissioner Eskridge noted that there is a metal box on Mathilda and McKinley that would benefit from art installed on or around it.

-Staff Comments

Jesus Raygoza, Superintendent of Recreation Services, announced that the position of Recreation Services Manager for Youth and Teens has been filled by Carmen Villegas, who was previously working in Special Events. Also, Laura Bryan has returned to the Senior Center and Arts Unit.

Kristin reported that 24 out of the 26 Suns of Sunnyvale have been installed. All locations are listed on the city website.

INFORMATION ONLY REPORTS/ITEMS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Veith adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.